



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Purchase Five Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Vehicles for Various Departments (\$110,550)

MEETING DATE: August 16, 2000

PREPARED BY: Public Works Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council adopt the attached resolution authorizing the purchase of five Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) vehicles for Public Works and Police departments; and appropriate funds as necessary.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: In 1997, the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District awarded the City \$30,000 for the purchase of five CNG patrol cars. The money was designated for the incremental cost of the CNG patrol cars. CNG patrol cars are \$6,000 more than gasoline patrol cars. However, none are available; for that reason the Public Works Department looked for different, high-mileage applications.

The challenge with alternatively-fueled vehicle acquisitions is the limited number of dealers and choice of vehicles. For this acquisition, the Public Works Department recommends acquiring two CNG Honda Civics (to replace the Fleet and Facilities Manager's car 04-047 and the Engineering Pool Car 04-090), one CNG Ford E350 Cargo Van (to replace the Survey Van 04-013), and one CNG Dodge Van (to replace the Evidence Van 05-058) off California's Contract List. Also, Public Works recommends acquiring a CNG Toyota Camry, sole source, from Maita's Toyota of Sacramento. The CNG Camry is the only CNG mid-size sedan available. The CNG Camry would replace 04-109, the City Hall Motor Pool Car. The existing motor pool car is a gasoline Ford Crown Victoria. Based on roominess, Pubic Works thinks the Camry would be a better choice than a Civic. No local dealerships are authorized to sell these CNG vehicles.

The Fleet Committee has reviewed and approved this purchase.

FUNDING: Equipment Replacement Fund (1998/99 and 2000/01) \$90,350
Air District \$20,200 (Incremental cost for five vehicles is less than the grant amount.)

Funding Available: Vicky McAthle
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Jerry Adams, Police Chief

APPROVED: H. Dixon Flynn

H. Dixon Flynn -- City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-142

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL AWARDING THE
CONTRACT FOR FIVE COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS (CNG)
VEHICLES FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS, AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS FOR THIS PURCHASE

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WHEREAS, Lodi Municipal Code, §3.20.070, authorizes dispensing with bids for purchases of supplies, services or equipment when it is in the best interest of the City to do so; and

WHEREAS, in 1997 the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District awarded the City of Lodi \$30,000.00 for the purchase of five CNG patrol cars, which is designated for the incremental cost of the CNG patrol cars, which are \$6,000.00 more than gasoline patrol cars; and

WHEREAS, because there are no CNG patrol cars available, the Public Works Department has looked for different, high-mileage applications; and

WHEREAS, the challenge with alternatively-fueled vehicle acquisitions is the limited number of dealers and choice of vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department therefore recommends that the City purchase two CNG Honda Civics to replace the Fleet and Facilities Manager's car #04-047 and the Engineering Pool car #04-090, one CNG Ford E350 Cargo Van to replace Survey Van #04-013, one CNG Dodge Van to replace Evidence Van #05-058 off California's Contract List, and one CNG Toyota Camry to replace City Hall Motor Pool Car #04-109 sole-source from Maita's Toyota of Sacramento.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lodi City Council hereby approves the purchase of five Compressed Natural Gas vehicles as outlined above in the amount of \$110,550.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that funds be appropriated as follows to cover this purchase:

Equipment Replacement Fund (1989/99 and 2000/01)	\$ 90,350.00
Air District	\$ 20,200.00 *
TOTAL	\$110,550.00

*(Incremental cost for five vehicles is less than the grant amount)

Dated: August 16, 2000

I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2000-142 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held August 16, 2000, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Hitchcock, Land, Nakanishi, Pennino and Mann
(Mayor)

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None


SUSAN J. BLACKSTON
City Clerk